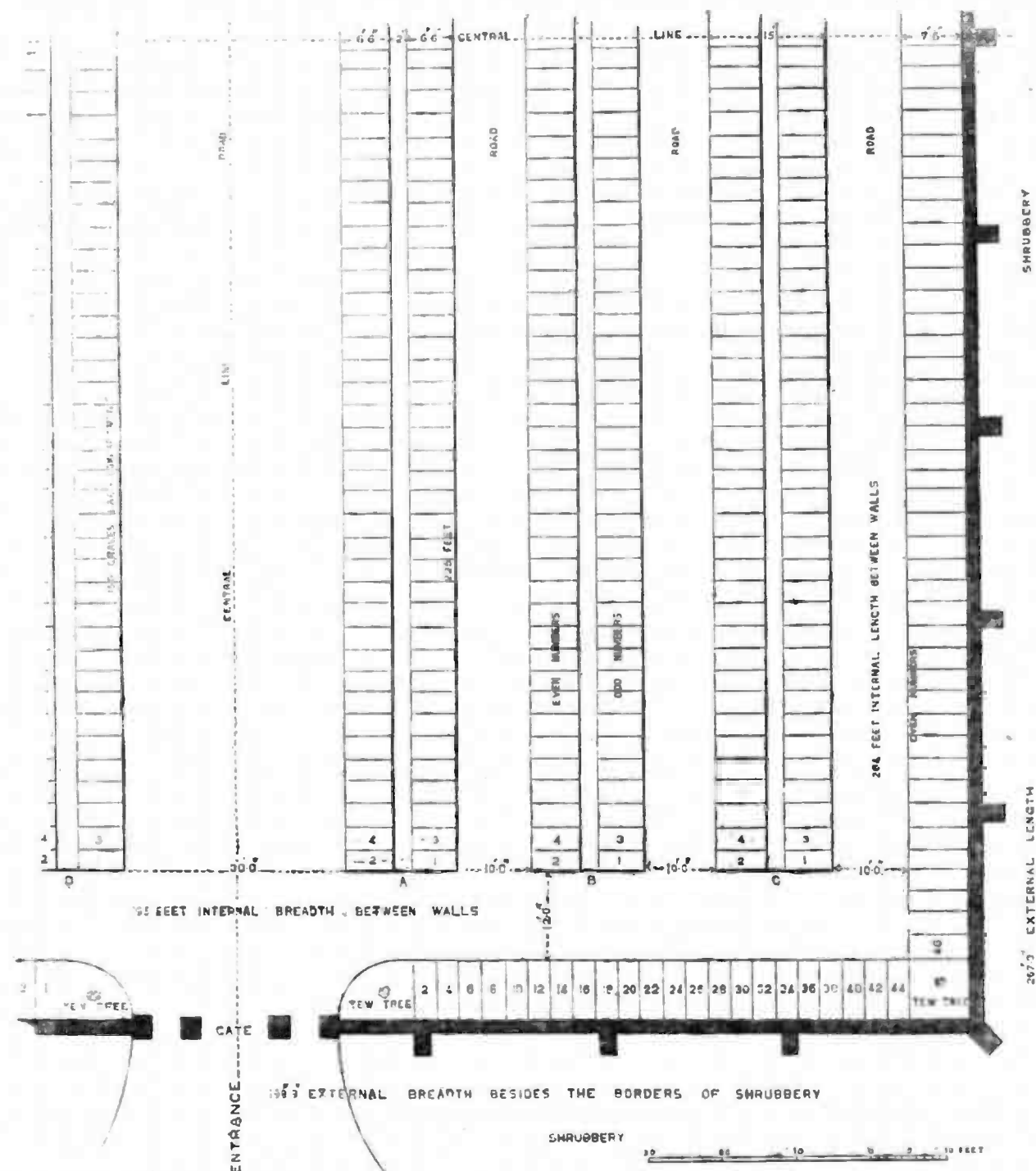


DATA FOR A PAROCHIAL CEMETERY.

A PLAN FOR A PARISH BURIAL-GROUND.
DATA FOR CHURCHWARDENS.

THE public appear now to be alive to the impropriety of continuing the practice of intramural burials. In most towns with which I am acquainted the churchyards are completely full of coffins: and thus, independently of the question of health, there exists a sufficient reason why other burial-grounds should be provided.

It has struck me with some surprise that no parties have as yet given any ideas on the subject; I therefore take it up, with the view of assisting churchwardens, or other authorities entrusted with such matters, to judge of the quantity of ground required, and the number of graves necessary in proportion to the population. It is of some importance that the ground should be properly laid out in the first instance, because the arrangement (if there be any) cannot well be altered after interments have taken place.

Annexed is a plan of a burial-ground, capable of containing 1,174 graves, each 6 feet 6 inches by 3 feet, and numbered, having a communication by road, without trespassing on any other grave. I propose that the burial-ground should be enclosed by a wall, having its footings carried down to the depth of the deepest graves—say 7 feet below the surface,—and that there should be a shrubbery or plantation, of from 30 to 33 feet broad, on the outside, to be kept in neat order, with a view to prevent houses or sheds from being built in contact with the walls, overlooking the ground, and otherwise becoming a nuisance.

I have not shown any buildings to contain tools, &c., because, if required, they can afterwards be erected on the shrubbery ground.

It is evident that the number of graves can either be increased or diminished, by increasing or diminishing the number of the compartments A B C D E F by an equal number on each side of the central line. The soil chosen

should be gravel, and not clay, if it can be avoided.

The plan shows one quarter of a burial-ground calculated to contain 1,174 graves. One-fortieth of the population are supposed to die annually, but the ground should not be disturbed for at least seven years after interment. Thus, the population $\div 40$ and $\times 7$ gives the least number of graves required for the parish or district. The space here occupied is 110 yards $\times$ 88 yards, = 9,680 yards superficial, or two acres.

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P.S. According to the data here supposed, a population of

5,000	will require	875 graves.
10,000	"	1,750 "
15,000	"	2,625 "
20,000	"	3,500 "
25,000	"	4,375 "
30,000	"	5,250 "
35,000	"	6,125 "
40,000	"	7,000 "